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Nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The functions of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, which are set out in paragraph 3 of document ST/SGB/126 of 1 August 1963 and in its addenda, are:

(a) To lay down general rules governing the action of the Institute in matters entrusted to it;

(b) To review and approve work programmes and the relevant budgets of the Institute;

(c) To submit regularly to the Commission for Social Development a progress report on the work of the Institute.

2. The present composition of the Board is:

(a) A chairperson, appointed by the Secretary-General;

(b) Ten members nominated by the Commission for Social Development and confirmed by the Economic and Social Council;

(c) A representative of the Secretary-General;

(d) A representative of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat;

(e) The Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning, Santiago, Chile;

(f) The Director of the Asian and Pacific Development Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia;

(g) The Director of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, Dakar, Senegal;

(h) The Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia;

(i) Representatives of two of the following specialized agencies, appointed in rotation: the International Labour Organization; the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; and the World Health Organization;

(j) The Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, ex officio.

3. The 10 members of the Board referred to in subparagraph 2 (b) above are nominated by the Commission for Social Development and confirmed by the Economic and Social Council. The term of office of each nominated member is four years, renewable once for a further period of two years.[1]

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4. Emma Rothschild (United Kingdom) has been Chairperson of the Board since 1999. The nominated members of the Board are:

Jacques Baudot (France), former Senior Adviser to the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Secretary of the Copenhagen Seminars for Social Progress;

Heba Handoussa (Egypt), Managing Director, Economic Research Forum for the Arab Countries, Islamic Republic of Iran and Turkey, Cairo;

Björn Hettne (Sweden), Professor of Peace and Conflict Research, Department of Peace and Development Research, University of Göteborg;

Graça Machel (Mozambique), President of the Foundation for Community Development, Maputo;

Jonathan Moore (United States of America), Associate Fellow, Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts;

Harris Mule (Kenya), Director, Top Investment Management Services, Nairobi;

Marcia Rivera (United States of America — Puerto Rico), Executive Director, Instituto Latinoamericano de Educación para el Desarrollo (ILAEDES), San Juan;

Gita Sen (India), Professor of Economics and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Management in Bangalore;

Frances Stewart (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Director, International Development Centre, Queen Elizabeth House, University of Oxford;

Valery Tishkov (Russian Federation), Director, Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow.

5. The term of office of the following four members will expire on 30 June 2001, and they are eligible for renomination for a further period of two years to 30 June 2003:

Heba Handoussa, Graça Machel, Marcia Rivera and Gita Sen.

6. The term of office of the following five members will expire on 30 June 2001, and having served on the Board for a total of six years, they will not be eligible for renomination:

Björn Hettne, Jonathan Moore, Harris Mule, Frances Stewart and Valery Tishkov

7. Thus, at its thirty-ninth session, the Commission will be called upon to nominate five new members to the Board to replace those referred to in paragraph 6 above for a four-year term expiring on 30 June 2005. It will also be called upon either to extend the term of office of each of the nominated members referred to in paragraph 5 above for an additional two-year term expiring on 30 June 2003, or to nominate new members to replace them for a four-year term expiring on 30 June 2005. The biographical information of new candidates will be circulated as an addendum to the present note.

Notes

[1] In its resolution 10 (XXV), the Commission for Social Development decided that the term of office of each nominated member of the Board should not exceed a total of six years.